

## A Boarding-School Picture.

Jessie Lee had won the first prize for Latin and English literature. It was a grand day for her, not because honor and prizes would be lavished upon her, but because principle, devotion to duty, and self-denial were rewarded, and because Jessie really deserved the prize. She had studied early and late, through many difficulties too, which a less studious and a less earnest pupil would have failed under. There were many reasons why Miss Watson, the Principal of Granger's Point Institute, wished Jessie to graduate with the highest honors. Among the large number of scholars at this school, with hardly an exception all members of wealthy families in the State, one of them, Helen Bowen, was a perfect rival of Jessie's. She was brilliant, ambitious, and proud. The girls looked up to her as a star of wonderful magnitude and beauty. She preceded Jessie a few months in the school, and was quite settled in her position when Jessie arrived. Jessie Lee had not been in the company of Helen Bowen two days when she knew she was hated by Helen. There was something unusually attractive about Jessie. It was not her person, though she was very pretty—a fair blonde. Her voice was musical and full of power, her eye was bright, and looked into other eyes with uncompromising honesty. It was not any one of these attractions which gave Jessie her power. Her teachers knew what it was, though the scholars did not. The latter loved her at once and always, all, except Helen; the former knew her to be possessed of not only rare mental ability, but having a soul greatly cultivated, and this culture was due to her sainted mother. While the scholars looked at and admired Helen at a distance, they came very close to Jessie, who always had a smile and a welcome for them. Her unconscious influence was love—and she did love everybody—indeed, could have loved Helen, and she did love her as far as was possible. And so, day after day, while Jessie was growing more and more into favor with all—for lovingness is a most fruitful soil—Helen, in all her magnificence, was left alone. The difference in the two was a simple one after all. Jessie was very unconscious of herself and very thoughtful of others. Helen was just the reverse. She saw no one with clearer vision than herself. She needed no glass-magnifying, nor otherwise, to bring herself to her eyes; she was always there! A few days before the commencement an unusual stir was apparent in the Institute. Here and there excited groups talking, as school-girls can. "What will she do?" asks one girl. "I don't know, I'm sure; she declares she will not take her part in the programme." "Well," speaks a third, "I don't blame her; she has nothing in her wardrobe which will do to graduate in. If I were in her place, I would shut myself up in my room and stay there till I had the cry of my lifetime."

From out these tangled threads of conversation I learned that Helen Bowen's dress, boxed and expressed from home in time for graduation, was, among other valuable goods, in the freight office, which the night before was burned to the ground. It was a real sorrow to Helen. Too late for another dress to be made, miles rolled between Helen's home and the school. In vain her teachers tried to persuade her to appear in the best she had, and thus show her womanly sense; but no, she would not appear on the platform. The second prize was hers. The last day had come. In a few hours after commencement, silence would reign throughout the Institute walls. Already baggage and traveling appurtenances were being wheeled to the depot. Helen in her room, was about receiving her check from the express-man for her trunk, she herself to take the evening express train for home, when a servant appears with a huge bundle, unmistakable in size, for "Miss Helen." "For me?" she said. "There is some mistake, I think." "Not any. Your name is here"—and again she read, "Miss Helen Bowen, Room 33." And as the wrappings of soft tissue paper were unfolded, a lovely white silk dress, complete in its trimmings, appeared—a beautiful graduation-dress. I need not attempt to describe Helen's surprise, and the excitement among the pupils. The teachers manifested joy as great as their scholars'. Questions were asked, but no clue could be found to unravel the mystery. Oh, the power of love in one human heart! The unselfish and sublime outgrowth of a principle whose very essence is found in loving them "which hate you, and doing good to them which despitefully use you." There came no struggle into the heart of Jessie Lee, when the angel of peace whispered the thought, which resulted in sending her own dress to Helen, to the fellow-student who had caused so many hot tears to fall on her pillow at night when all was still; but when the comfort came, despite the weeping, at the thought of him, the loving sympathizer whose "eyes neither slumber nor sleep"—he that keepeth Israel kept Jessie's heart in peace. The hour of commencement came. The teachers wishing to make the most of the lesson of love (Jessie had taken them into her confidence), arranged to have the graduates enter singly and alone, beginning with the least, so leaving Jessie to enter last. How shall I describe the wonder, the agitation, the look of amazement on all faces, as Jessie stepped to the platform with the steel-blue silk dress on which had been seen so often in the academy? But there she stood a queen, next to Helen in her white dress, looking more radiant than ever. She stood there in her great-heartedness and power of love, the admired of all, and the "blessed one" of him "whose she was and whom she served."

## Seven Hundred and Fifty Millions.

Seven hundred and fifty million dollars! That is America's gross bill for one short year. We spend that immense sum for the indulgence of a habit more hurtful to us than plague, famine or war. The scoffers at our holy religion—the learned as well as the unlettered—are tauntingly asking us how it is that the Christian church makes so little progress in turning from sin to Zion so few of the race. Fellow-workers, the explanation is to be found in the black bottle, the dewjohn and cut-glass decanter. We hold the minister of the gospel and the educated professor of religion who use intoxicating drinks as a beverage, responsible for this sinful malady. One respectable (shall we say good?) man taking his wine moderately helps along thousands on the road to poverty and ruin. It was well for the world if some supernatural power would open the eyes and quicken the consciences of those who know not the power of example and seem to forget that they are their brother's keeper. There was once a very excellent man—a favorite of heaven—who said that if eating meat made his brother to stumble, he would forego its use. Once more we hold up the text for consideration to these divines who see no danger in an occasional drink. About two years ago an eloquent minister of the Episcopal church became crippled and hopped with the accursed appetite. First he was moderate, soon he was immoderate. After a year's effort at total abstinence he broke out afresh, fell from a sailing boat with a black bottle in his pocket, and went up in middle age, intoxicated, to judgment. One such case ought to answer as a warning for a thousand years. God help us all to fight more valiantly for this glorious cause.

It is not enough that we are ourselves safe. On every side of us our neighbors are perishing for the want of a helping hand. With money and voice we must better equip ourselves for the work. There is not a family but is touched directly or indirectly by this terrible sore. It is not enough that we comprehend the disease. We must with greater enthusiasm engage in the blessed Christian and patriotic work of curing it. By line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little, we must push on the works till the rum cludel topples down. We need thousands upon thousands of workers like Cuyler, Moody, Dow and Murphy to dry up this plague stream which is everywhere hindering the progress of the church, and degrading families.

One post-office and fifteen taverns in a given town. Examine briefly these establishments. How comes it that so few good papers and valuable books are received through the post-office? The explanation is that the farmers around will drop too many dimes at the tavern. Will you not, dear reader, make up your mind at once to help drive intemperance from this favored land? You desire to do some good as you journey through life. There are evils and burdens to be removed. Enter upon the work. It is expected of you that you will leave the world better than you found it. Chisel out a monument for yourself. Make the name you bear an honored one by being an indefatigable worker for the things which make the world blossom as the rose. Heaven expects us to do our duty. Christ came to show us the way. Let us learn and practice the lesson wholeheartedly. Some grand workers finish their course with a multitude of redeemed ones following them to glory. Let us join the glorious band and do all the good we can in the name of Jesus. In this sign we shall conquer.

The state subsidy of the Roman Catholic Church in Belgium is over \$900,000; the Protestants get \$15,000 and the Jews \$2,700.

The thin, pious man, who is continually groaning over the wickedness of the world, is more troubled with dyspepsia than blessed by religion.

Large quantities of coarse straw wrapping-paper are shipped from New York to Cuba and Europe to be used in the manufacture of cigars. It is there saturated with tobacco juice and passes for leaf tobacco.

When a big Yankee from Maine paid his bill at a London restaurant, and was told that it did not include the waiter, "Wal," he roared, "I didn't eat any waiter, did I?" He looked as though he could, and the subject was dropped.

The average reporter has no object in misrepresenting anybody; he is after news—he may color an interview, he has to touch it up; in other words, make it readable, for nine-tenths of the people interviewed cannot speak the Queen's English correctly.

At dinner the host introduced to the favorable notice of the company a splendid truffled pheasant, amid murmurs of admiration. "Isn't it a beauty," he says. "Dr. So-and-so gave it to me—killed it himself." "Aw, what was he treating it for?" asked one of the guests.

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This 11th day of Sept., 1878.

J. W. WELCH, Admr.

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